



**POPULATION
HEALTH TRUST**
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Skagit County Board of Health

Peter Browning, Chair
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PHT Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023 Skagit Station Meeting Room

Members: Thomas Boucher, Patty Codd, Bill Henkel, Maddy Mackenzie, Julie Mirriam, Kevin Murphy, Mo Pettitt, Margaret Rojas, Mandi Rothman, Lyndie Simmonds, Dean Snider, John Sternlicht

Community Stakeholders: Chris Baldwin, KaSandra Church, Kristen Ekstran, Jennifer Sass-Walton

Ex-Officio: Peter Browning, Howard Leibrand

Guests: Aaron Weinberg, Donnell Austin

Agenda and Steering Report Review:

Mo reviewed the agenda for the day and provided updates from the last Steering Committee meeting. Kristen invited Trust members to introduce themselves and to share a bit about their organization as there was a new member, Dr. Julie Merriam, and several guests present.

Recovery Plan Partner Tracking:

For this portion of the meeting, Kristen invited members to identify organizational activities and work currently underway that were in alignment with goals and strategies from the COVID Recovery Plan. Members added activities to the seven goal areas: housing, equity, crossover, food security, economic & fiscal security, child care, behavioral health, and access to care. Kristen informed the group that the information would be compiled, analyzed, and eventually shared with the Board of Health as an update on the Trust's progress towards goals in the plan.

Food Security Workgroup Update:

Kas thanked everyone for the input they provided on the Food Security Plan during the October meeting. She reported back with the indicators that the group would be using to measure their progress:

- Fruit and vegetable consumption by both youth and adults in Skagit County
- WIC enrollment, eligible versus currently enrolled
- Dollars redeemed through "produce match" programs, like those associated with WIC and SNAP

Kas also shared that the Food Policy Council's first meeting would be in mid-December and that the plan would be presented to the Board of Health on November 21, 2023.

Child Care Advocacy:

Ryan Pricco from Child Care Aware of Washington joined the meeting to share more about the advocacy work they are doing and how that relates to what the Trust's current work on child care. He discussed the following topics:

- The current child care economic model and its impact on families
- Research supporting the effects of high-quality child care on brain development and future positive outcomes
- Challenges within the child care system
- Short and long-term solutions to the child care crisis

There was also a brief question and answer period following the presentation.

Nominations for final five open seats:

Kristen shared more information about the remaining open seats. She invited Trust members to brainstorm ideas for individuals that might be good additions to the Trust. She let members know that she would send out forms to all the members based on the new protocols for nominating.

Adjourn:

Kristen reminded members that there would be no Trust meeting in January, thanked everyone for their participation, and adjourned the meeting.